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Principal Falconer, L.L.D., etc., etc.

University of Toronto,

TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Dr. Falconer:

I desire, as a graduate of the University, to express my strong disapproval of the "outrageous conduct" of Professor Squair, and six other Professors of the University, in addressing a petition to the Authorities of the Harbord Collegiate Institute, complaining of the action of the Head Master of the Institute in connection with his remarks on the war now in progress. The petition condemned Mr. Hagarty before he had been given a hearing. Had Mr. Hagarty spoken of the German people in the manner complained of it is clear that if the boy, Mueller, correctly expressed the connection between the German Government and the German people, Mr. Hagarty would be quite justified.

Doubtless you have seen the petition in the newspapers, also Mr. Hagarty's statement in answer.

I think the Professors who signed the petition should be disciplined by the Authorities of the University. Perhaps the short stay made by some

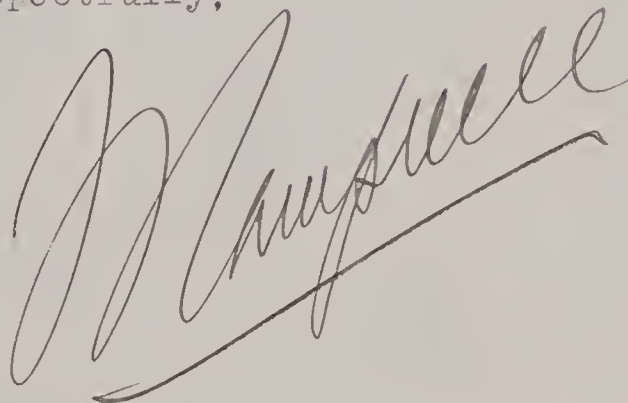
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of these Professors in Germany has warped their judgment.

If one half the crimes committed in Belgium and charged against the German soldiers, who are of the German People, be true, Germany must for years to come take its place among the third rate nations of the world, and in any case the Monster who has misruled that Country should in the interests of humanity be treated as the worst criminal this age has produced.

Yours respectfully,

JSC/NP

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September 21st, 1914

J. S. Campbell, Esq.,

14 Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I have just received your letter protesting against the communication sent by some of the professors of the University with regard to the action of the Principal of the Harbour Street Collegiate Institute. I have not seen the letter nor have I had any report of what Principal Hagarty said, as I think it occurred before I reached home. I should want to know both sides thoroughly before pronouncing a definite opinion as to the relative merits of the case. Of this I am practically sure that the University professors whether their action was discreet or otherwise are only asking for fair play. There can be no shadow of a doubt that these men are all in the strongest of sympathy with their country's cause. Of course I know that at this time everybody is sensitive and we should be careful as to how we speak in public, and yet we must treat those who are in our midst with the utmost possible fairness. Perhaps there have been errors on both sides, but I can assure you that the University while desiring to be fair has no two opinions as to where the right in our great struggle lies.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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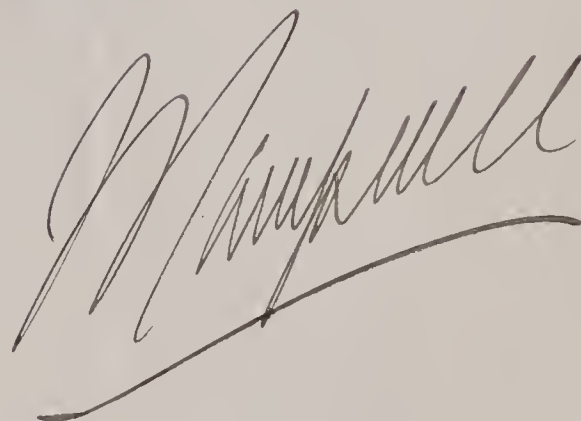
Robert A. Falconer, Esq., L.L.D., etc., etc.,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Dr. Falconer:

I regret that through an unfortunate error you were, in my letter of Saturday, addressed as Principal Falconer. In the hurry of signing a lot of correspondence on Saturday, which is a short day, the mistake was overlooked.

Respectfully yours,

JSC/NP

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to John S. Campbell, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the bottom.

